

EARLY MORNING FIRE AT HIGH SPRINGS

Easterlin & Co., Summers' Millinery and Dr. Hodges Burned.

A LOSS OF MANY THOUSANDS

Fire Was Not Discovered Until After Flames Had Gained Such Headway It Was Impossible to Check Them. Property Partially Insured.

High Springs was visited by a disastrous fire at 1 o'clock Tuesday morning, which destroyed the buildings occupied as a store by Easterlin & Co., the Summers Bros., millinery, and the building occupied by Dr. B. C. Hodges, with all contents except a few articles saved from the office of Dr. Hodges.

The origin of the fire is not known, but it is said that it originated in the second story of the building occupied by Easterlin & Co., which was known as Newberry's Hall. It was a room which has been used for regular hall purposes, and was not abandoned until the completion of Newberry's opera house a few months ago. When discovered the flames had gained such headway it was impossible to check them, and the excited people who gathered at this early hour could do nothing but stand by and see the property reduced to ashes.

Easterlin & Co. were among the most extensive merchants. They carried a general line of merchandise, aggregating about \$4,000, all of which was destroyed. The insurance on this stock was \$2,500, insured with various agencies.

The Summers millinery store carried a nice stock, valued at about \$1,800. This stock was insured for \$800, Cashman & Hill of this city carrying the policy.

Dr. Hodges lost about \$500, including the building, which he owned, and office furniture, instruments, books, etc. A great many of his effects were saved. It is not known whether Dr. Hodges carried insurance. He could not say himself, as he stated he always left the matter of renewing policy, etc., to his agents.

The building in which the fire originated was a wooden structure, two stories high, and was valued at \$1,200. It was one of the first business houses erected in High Springs. It was constructed by the Easterlin brothers, but about a year ago sold to W. C. Summers. The building was insured.

The burning of these buildings has destroyed with one exception all the wooden buildings east of the railroad track, and, with that spirit of energy which possesses the people of High Springs, it is safe to state that within the next few months substantial brick structures will take their places.

JUDGE MASON'S COURT.

Jim Pelham Arraigned on Two Charges—Other Cases.

There was a session of the county judge's court for the first time in several days Tuesday, and the following cases were disposed of:

State vs. Jim Cooper, carrying concealed weapons. Case postponed until the 17th inst. on account of the absence of witnesses, and defendant placed under a bond of \$150 for his appearance at that time.

L. W. Knight vs. Pinky Hurst, petition to remove tenant. Case tried by court, jury having been waived. Judgment for the plaintiff. Attorney B. A. Thrasher represented the plaintiff, while Attorneys Horatio Davis and Evans Hail appeared for the defense.

Jim Pelham was arraigned upon two charges, those of aggravated assault and carrying concealed weapons. The defendant waived examination and was placed under a bond of \$250 for the former and \$150 for the latter for his appearance at the next session of the circuit court.

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VALUABLE ESTATE SOLD.

Fine Plantation at Hague Bought by J. G. Dampier and W. C. Hague.

One of the important country transfers occurring in Alachua county since the sale of the John Fennell estate at Bennington to N. A. Callison and others was the transfer of the magnificent Hague estate to John G. Dampier and W. C. Hague, two progressive farmers, which transpired Monday.

This tract is situated in the vicinity of Hague, and in fact includes that progressive little village. The tract comprises eight hundred and forty acres of fertile farming lands, largely timbered, and is one of the most valuable tracts in the county.

The land is partially cultivated, and among the best crops in Florida are harvested from its fields. These crops include cotton, corn, oats, and grain of all kinds with the exception of wheat, sugar cane, sweet potatoes, peanuts, hay—in fact everything of standard crop value. There are also several hundred acres of pine timber, which have been leased for turpentine purposes to Padgett & Black. When the turpentine has been secured the timber will be sold for saw mill purposes, which will clear the land.

Messrs. Dampier and Hague have acquired one of the finest tracts in Florida, and friends congratulate them.

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DEATH NOT CONFIRMED.

No Information Has Been Received in Regard to Explorer Nichols.

New York, Jan. 3.—A cablegram from E. H. Conger, American minister to China, has been received by the editor of the Christian Herald in answer to an inquiry about Francis H. Nichols, of Chicago, the explorer whose death in Tibet has been rumored to have occurred while he was enroute to L'Hassa. Minister Conger's dispatch is as follows:

"Nichols left China by way of Burma for India Sept. 6. No information since then."

It is said the minister was a personal friend of Nichols and had introduced him to all the high Chinese officials in Peking, and the explorers' friends here incline to if he were dead the minister of China or at least some of the Chinese officials would have heard of it.

MEETING INDORSES PRESIDENT.

Roosevelt Policy About The Hague Tribunal Approved.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 3.—At a meeting held in this called for the purpose of endorsing the efforts of President Roosevelt and Secretary Hay, in bringing about the reconvening of the Hague peace tribunal, a disturbance was created by the efforts of a numerous contingent to prevent the adoption of laudatory resolutions.

The opposition was led by an earnest speaker who stated that Secretary Hay was dominated in his act by the money powers of Great Britain and Europe. Supporting the speaker's attack, the opposition hissed Mr. Hay's name vigorously.

When it came to voting on the original resolution great opposition was expected and was only after for times that the resolution was passed.

DR. CHADWICK IN NEW YORK.

Will Return to Cleveland, O., Without Formality.

New York, Jan. 2.—Dr. Leroy S. Chadwick, of Cleveland, O., who is under indictment in Cleveland with his wife, Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick, charged with forgery, reached here today on the steamer Pretoria on the Hamburg-American steamer line.

An Associated Press correspondent met Dr. Chadwick and his daughter in his cabin and delivered to him some mail for Miss Chadwick. Upon approaching New York, the Cleveland physician who appeared nervous and distraught during the voyage, became more nervous, and the approach of the Associated Press representative caused him great trepidation.

Chadwick gave the Associated Press a long interview. He will not be placed under arrest at all, but will go as the guest of Sheriff Edwin Barry, who is an old friend.

"There will be no arrest or even detention," Mr. Barry said. "Dr. Chadwick, who had previously been informed of his indictment and probably arrest, consented to return to Cleveland without formality."

Judge Tilden in the criminal court of Cleveland today fixed the bail of Dr. Chadwick at \$10,000. Attorney Dawley stated that a bond for that amount will probably be ready when Dr. Chadwick arrives here.

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ARE READY TO RETURN.

Will Not Hesitate to Testify in Dodge Perjury Case.

New York, Jan. 2.—Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Morse, of this city, whose matrimonial affairs have attracted so much attention throughout the arrest of Charles Dodge, Mrs. Morse' former husband, on charges of perjury, are in London, according to an American dispatch from that city.

Morse, who is a wealthy banker, and former president of the American Ice company, is perfectly willing to return to New York at once, according to his friends, should his lawyers say it is necessary for him to appear before the grand jury in the perjury case of Dodge.

Mrs. Morse has already made some affidavits in the case and these are now on their way to New York. In spite of the legal tangle of divorces and annulled decrees, the correspondent adds, the couple still consider themselves legally wedded.

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May Be Case of Suicide.

Atlanta, Jan. 3.—The police have been asked to make every effort to find Clara Belle Brantley, a young woman aged 18 who has mysteriously disappeared from her home, No. 103 Windsor street. Her relatives believe she has committed suicide and that her case will prove to be similar to that of Sophie Kloeckler, who drowned herself in the lake at Lakewood last summer. It is said that the girl was very despondent and that she had made statements which now induce her relatives and friends to believe she has taken her own life.

Cured Lumbago.

A. B. Canman, Chicago, writes March 4, 1903: "Having been troubled with lumbago at different times and tried one physician after another; then different ointments and liniments, gave it up altogether. So I tried once more, and got a bottle of Ballard's Snow Liniment, which gave me almost instant relief. I can cheerfully recommend it, and will add my name to your list of former soldiers." 25c, 50c and \$1. Sold by W. M. Johnson.

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2:06 p m Daily	Palatka, Daytona, Jacksonville, North, East and West	1:50 p m Daily
12:15 a m Daily	High Springs, Waycross, Savannah, Brunswick, Albany, Atlanta, all Points North, East West	3:15 p m Daily
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3:30 a m Daily ex. Monday	High Springs	7:20 p m Daily ex. Sunday

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